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In re: Applicant: Tommy Davidson
 Title: **APPARATUS, AND ASSOCIATED METHOD, FOR SECURING REBAR TOGETHER**

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Please find enclosed the following:

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status;
- ☒ Patent Specification (spec. 11 pages; claims 6 pages; abstract 1 page);
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	Title	Apparatus, and Associated Method, for Securing Rebar Together
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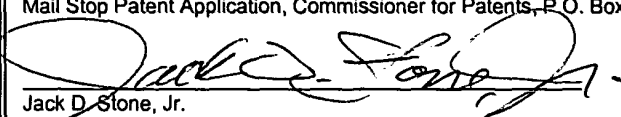
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